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PRAISNER URGES COUNTY RESIDENTS TO USE "ICE" **CODE ON CELL PHONES FOR EMERGENCIES**

Councilmember Marilyn Praisner today urged County residents to be ready for emergencies by entering on their cell phone the name and number of someone who should be called in case of emergency.

"By entering the letters 'ICE' - which stands for 'in case of emergency' - on their mobile cell phones, followed by a name and number, County residents can help emergency workers to contact a relative or friend in case of a debilitating accident or homeland security situation," said Councilmember Praisner, who chairs the Telecommunications and Technology Steering Committee of the National Association of Counties.

"Lots of folks are unaware of this feature – but it can be the difference between life and death. Using this code means that emergency personnel know exactly who should be contacted in case of need."

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